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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR MARCH 30, 1978.
FYI ONLY, OFFICER PRESENT TODAY WAS JOHN TRATTNER.

Q. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR RICHARD PARKER TO BEIRUT, LEBANON,
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MET WITH OUR FOREIGN MINISTER IN BEIRUT, AND HE WAS REFERRING
TO THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON. HE SAID,
"ISRAEL FIXED THIS PERIOD AT ONE MONTH." ON WHAT EVIDENCE
DID HE BASE THAT? HOW DID HE COME OUT TO THAT CONCLUSION?

A. WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S BASING IT ON. THAT'S
THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION. OBVIOUSLY, HE HAD A CONVER-
SATION, AND HE MADE A STATEMENT. I CAN'T ELUCIDATE IT FOR
YOU BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Q. WOULD THAT IMPLY THAT THERE ARE AMERICAN-ISRAELI NEGO-
TIATIONS RIGHT NOW ON THE WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON?

A. NO. WE'RE NOT NEGOTIATING. THE RESOLUTION HAS CALLED
FOR A CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL, AND AGAIN, I HAVE TO REFER

YOU TO WHAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE SAID PUBLICLY ABOUT THEIR
INTENTIONS. THAT'S ALL I CAN GIVE YOU.

Q. IS IT CUSTOMARY FOR AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ARRANGE
A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR HIS FRIENDS, OR FOR ANYBODY
FOR THAT MATTER? I MEAN, IS IT PART OF THE TASKS THAT
ARE ENTRUSTED WITH AN AMBASSADOR?

A. I CAN'T ANSWER A GENERAL QUESTION LIKE THAT. YOU'LL
HAVE TO IDENTIFY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE STORY IN THE WASHINGTON POST A FEW DAYS AGO AND REPEATED TODAY IN THE COLUMN OF WILLIAM SAFIRE THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA HAS ARRANGED FOR HIS FORMER AIDE, PARTNER AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER TO REPRESENT SAUDI ARABIA ON TRYING TO HELP CONGRESS UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SAUDI ARABIA BUY 60 F-15S IN THIS COUNTRY.

A. ALL RIGHT. NOW, WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION EXACTLY?
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Q. I'M ASKING WHETHER IT IS PART OF THE DUTIES OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ARRANGE BUSINESS CONTACTS FOR FRIENDS OR FOR ANY AMERICANS IN THE COUNTRY TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED?

A. I CAN'T ADDRESS YOU IN THE GENERAL WAY THAT YOU ASK THE QUESTION. AMBASSADORS ENGAGE IN A LOT OF ACTIVITIES AS AMBASSADORS, BUT LET'S NARROW IT DOWN TO WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO, WHICH IS THE REPORT THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS HIRED AS ITS PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE A SOUTH CAROLINA FIRM. I WOULD SAY, FIRST, THAT IT IS UP TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, AS ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, TO MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS AS TO WHO WOULD DO, OR WHAT US FIRM MIGHT DO PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK FOR IT IN THIS COUNTRY AND WHOM IT RETAINS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

WE HAVE, IN THIS CASE, NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY IMPROPRIETY IN THE ACTION OF ANY US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN THE CASE THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR WEST, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE IN THIS COUNTRY. HE TELLS US THAT IN RESPONSE TO A SAUDI REQUEST, HE GAVE THE SAUDIS THE NAMES OF SEVERAL COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL FIRMS THAT THEY MIGHT HIRE TO HELP THEM ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, MAKING NO EXCLUSIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR ANY OF THE FIRMS. THAT IS ABOUT AS FAR AS I CAN TAKE YOU ON THIS SPECIFIC CASE.

Q. IS IT CUSTOMARY FOR AN AMBASSADOR TO GIVE A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT THE NAMES OF SEVERAL FIRMS THAT HE FINDS SUITABLE TO HANDLE THEIR PUBLIC RELATIONS?

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A. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CUSTOMARY. I WOULD NOT RULE OUT THAT IT HAS BEEN DONE BY OTHER AMBASSADORS IN OTHER

COUNTRIES, IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

Q. YOU MEAN, OTHER AMBASSADORS HAVE ACTED AS MIDDLE MEN IN FINDING PR FIRMS FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS?

A. NO. FIRST OF ALL, TALKING GENERALLY NOW, IT NEED NOT BE THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY WHO MAKES THE RECOMMENDATION; IT COULD BE SOMEBODY IN HIS EMBASSY LIKE A COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR WHO SIMPLY FLIPS OPEN EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OR SOME OTHER TRADE DIRECTORY AND SAYS, "HERE ARE THREE FIRMS YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH. HERE ARE THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS. WHY DON'T YOU TRY THEM?"

Q. THAT'S ALL THAT'S INVOLVED HERE, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING HAPPENED IN THIS CASE?

A. NO. I SAID I'M TALKING GENERALLY. WHAT HAPPENED SPECIFICALLY HERE, I'VE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING I CAN GIVE YOU ON IT. I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND WHAT I'VE SAID.

Q. YOU USED THE WORD, THERE WAS NO IMPROPRIETY. IS THERE, HOWEVER, AN IMPLIED CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN WHAT I TAKE TO BE THE FACT THAT GOVERNOR WEST'S SON IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE LAW FIRM THAT THE GOVERNOR LEFT, AND THAT LAW FIRM, IN FACT, HANDLES ALL LEGAL ACTIVITIES FOR MR. COOK'S PR FIRM?

A. I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DRAW THE IMPLICATION, IF YOU WISH. I'M NOT GOING TO DRAW IT FOR YOU. I'M NOT GOING TO DRAW THAT IMPLICATION.

Q. IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER WE WISH TO DRAW ANYTHING. WE'RE TRYING TO GET WHAT THE FACTS ARE, AND I'M LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ASKING THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHETHER IT SEES THIS AS AN IMPLIED CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

A. I CAN ONLY REPLY TO YOU THE WAY I HAVE, THAT WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY IMPROPRIETY.

Q. IMPROPRIETY ADDRESSES ITSELF PARTLY TO MY QUESTION BUT NOT DIRECTLY. COULD YOU PLEASE FIND OUT WHETHER THERE IS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW AN IMPLIED CONFLICT OF

INTEREST IN THIS CASE, GIVEN THE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLE?

A. OK I CAN TRY TO FIND THAT OUT FOR YOU BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO BE IN A POSITION OF STATING IT FROM

HERE.

Q. THE WAY YOUR ANSWER IS PHRASED, IT SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT, REGARDLESS OF ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THIS THING, THAT THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT, BEFORE THE FACT, FLAG THE DEPARTMENT THAT A RATHER DELICATE TRANSACTION WAS COMING UP, WHETHER IT'S IMPROPER OR NOT? AM I CORRECT IN DRAWING THAT CONCLUSION?

A. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

Q. YOU SAY YOU WENT TO WEST THIS WEEK WHILE HE WAS ON LEAVE AND ASKED HIM WHAT WAS UP AND SUGGEST THAT HE DIDN'T REPORT ON IT?

A. I DON'T KNOW. YOU'RE ASKING WHETHER HE TOLD US, AFTER HE HAD GIVEN THE NAMES OF THE FIRMS -- WHETHER HE HAD TOLD US THAT, AND THAT'S A FACT THAT I DON'T KNOW.
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I CAN PROBABLY FIND THAT OUT.

Q. DOES THIS SEARCH FOR A NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA FIRST OFFICIALLY APPROVED THE PLO TERRORIST ATTACK, AND THEN ABOUT SIMULTANEOUSLY HERE, THE AMBASSADOR AND MR. WEST HIMSELF SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA DOESN'T APPROVE OF TERRORISM?

A. WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, THAT THE SAUDI'S THINK THEY NEED A PR FIRM?

Q. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS MAYBE THAT THE GOVERNOR OR THE AMBASSADOR, WHATEVER ROLE HE'S IN, SAW THE NEED POSSIBLY TO IMPROVE SAUDI ARABIA'S PR IMAGE IN THIS COUNTRY. MAYBE THAT ISN'T IMPROPER EITHER. I DON'T KNOW.

A. I DON'T KNOW. I WOULD NOT MAKE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THOSE THINGS.

Q. TWO QUICK QUESTIONS ABOUT HIM. DO YOU KNOW IF ANY MEMBERS OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE INVOLVED IN SAUDI ARABIAN REAL ESTATE DEALS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND STAND TO PROFIT FROM THEM, AND SECONDLY, WHEN DID HE GO ONTO THE ON LEAVE STATUS. I THOUGHT HE WAS HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS

ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. IS HE NOT GOING BACK? WHAT IS THIS LEAVE BUSINESS? IS HE SEMI-DETACHED FROM HIS POST, OR IS IT JUST KIND OF A VACATION?

A. I'M NOT AWARE THAT HE IS. I THINK I CAN GET THAT

ANSWER, TOO, WHEN IS HE GOING BACK, WHAT IS HIS STATUS.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY ON LEAVE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS,
IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

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A. NORMALLY, IT MEANS JUST WHAT IT SAYS. PEOPLE DO TAKE
LEAVE AND THEY DO COME HOME, BOTH FOR CONSULTATIONS AND
REST AND RECUPERATION.

Q. WHEN YOU'RE SEARCHING THOSE QUESTIONS, WOULD YOU FIND
OUT, TOO, IF YOU COULD, THE ANSWER TO MY REAL ESTATE
QUESTION?

A. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE IN THE DEPARTMENT ARE IN THE BEST
POSITION TO FIND OUT WHO HAS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS IN
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Q. YOU CAN CONCENTRATE ON THAT LITTLE AREA OF SOUTH
CAROLINA SAUDI ARABIA IS TRYING TO BUY UP, AND WHERE
GOVERNOR WEST HAS HIS VACATION HOME.

A. ANYBODY FROM SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE ROOM?

Q. I'M JUST WONDERING HOW THESE THINGS ARE DONE. ISN'T
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO SAUDI ARABIA SUPPO-
SED TO GIVE THE SAUDIS A LIST OF ALL THE COMPETENT AMERICAN
PR FIRMS OTHER THAN SELECT A FEW? I MEAN IT'S A DIS-
CRIMINATION AGAINST OTHER PR FIRMS.

A. I DIDN'T SAY THAT HE DIDN'T AND I DON'T KNOW THAT
THERE WAS ANY DISCRIMINATION THERE. I'M NOT SURE THAT
ANYBODY IS AWARE OF ALL OF THE COMPETENT PR FIRMS THAT
EXIST. THAT WOULD BE A PRETTY LARGE ORDER.

Q. IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT EMBARRASSED BY THIS STORY?

A. NO.

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Q. SINCE THE SAUDI REQUEST FOR THE F-15S, HOW MANY COM-
PLAINTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM SOME AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
IN THIS COUNTRY AGAINST THE PROPOSED SALE?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER IS. I DON'T THINK WE

QUANTIFY THEM BUT THERE IS OBVIOUSLY SENTIMENT AND OPINION
IN THE COUNTRY THAT IS AGAINST THE SALE OF THE AIRCRAFT.
NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

Q. STILL WITH REGARD TO THE SAFIRE COLUMN. IS THERE ANY
PROBLEM FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S
BEST FRIEND IS, AS ALLEGED IN THE COLUMN, IN FINANCIAL
GRATITUDE TO FOREIGN INTERESTS?

A. I THINK THAT YOU ARE EDGING ME AWAY FROM LEGITIMATE
STATE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND INTO AN AREA WHERE THE
QUESTION OUGHT TO GO TO THE PRESIDENT'S BEST FRIEND'S BEST
FRIEND, PERHAPS -- IN OTHER WORDS, TO THE WHITE HOUSE,
AND NOT TO ME.

Q. YOU DON'T SEE ANY ETHICAL OR MORAL PROBLEM INVOLVED
AT ALL IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN AMBASSADOR PROVIDING
THIS KIND OF INFORMATION TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, AND
THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT HIRING A PR FIRM RUN BY HIS BEST
FRIEND -- THE LAW FIRM FOR THE PR FIRM RUN BY HIS SON --
NO MORAL, ETHICAL ISSUE HERE AT ALL AGAINST THE BACK-
GROUND OF THE PRESIDENT'S URGENT DESIRE THAT ALL OF
THESE ISSUES IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY BE HANDLED BY PRO-
FESSIONALS?

A. LET ME GO ON BACKGROUND HERE AND SAY THAT I DID NOT
SAY ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT THERE WAS ANY IMPROPRIETY IN THE ACTION OF ANY US
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN THIS MATTER. I AM NOT ABLE TO SAY
ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.

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Q. WHY ARE WE ON BACKGROUND? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING
TO SAY SOMETHING THERE FOR A MINUTE.

A. I REPEATED ON BACKGROUND A STATEMENT THAT I HAD MADE
ON THE RECORD.

Q. WITH AN EXPLANATION, SORT OF.

A. WITH AN IMPLICATION WHICH I DID NOT FEEL LIKE PUTTING
ON THE RECORD. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS CLEAR, BUT THAT
IS AS FAR AS I AM GOING TO GO. END BACKGROUND.

Q. WELL, THAT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH OF A STORY.

A. I AM HAPPY TO HEAR THAT. IT WARMS MY HEART.

Q. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, AMBASSADOR DINITZ OF ISRAEL CAME
TO YOU ASKING, IN LIGHT OF THE TERRORIST RAID ALONG THE
TEL AVIV-HAIFA COAST, THAT YOU CLOSE DOWN THE PLO OFFICE

IN NEW YORK, AND THAT WAS UNDER STUDY. HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE STUDY?

A. I AM NOT AWARE THAT THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

Q. WHAT SORT OF STUDY IS INVOLVED? I MEAN, DO YOU GET A GROUP OF SCHOLARS TOGETHER? WHAT DOES YOUR STUDY INVOLVE? WHAT ARE THE CONSIDERATIONS? WHAT ARE YOU EXAMINING?

A. ALL I AM GOING TO SAY HERE IS THAT A STUDY IMPLIES A REVIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A GIVEN SITUATION, AND SOMETIMES THESE KINDS OF REVIEWS TAKE TIME.

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Q. WILL YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE A JUDGMENT SO WE DON'T HAVE TO ASK A QUESTION ON THE PRECISE DATE?

A. OBVIOUSLY WE WILL, YES. WE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

Q. JOHN, CAN WE GO BACK TO THE BACKGROUND ON WEST, FOR A MINUTE? ON BACKGROUND, IS THERE SOMETHING TO THIS LEAVE STATUS OF HIS OTHER THAN JUST ORDINARY REASONS? END BACKGROUND.

A. ON ANY BASIS, I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION. I AM JUST NOT GOING TO GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID.

Q. I THINK A WEEK AGO, EIGHT DAYS AGO, YOU SAID THAT IN A VERY FEW DAYS THERE WOULD BE A RESULT OF A STUDY OF THE LEGALITY OF ISRAELI USE OF AMERICAN WEAPONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, FRIDAY, THE SECRETARY SAID VERY PROMPTLY OR VERY SHORTLY THERE WOULD BE A RESULT. HOW IS THAT ONE DOING?

A. ABOUT THE WAY IT WAS.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THE ISRAELIS USED AGAINST IN THEIR INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON SOVIET ARMS CAPTURED FROM THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN 1967?

A. I DON'T. ASK THE ISRAELIS.

Q. JOHN, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR US ON MR. WEIZMAN'S CAIRO TALKS?

A. NO. AGAIN, THAT IS NOT FOR ME TO PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON FROM HERE.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH FROM THAT PART, KEPT INFORMED

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A. I AM SURE THAT WE WILL BE KEPT INFORMED.

Q. HAS THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE WEIZMAN TALKS BEEN CARRIED ON AT AS HIGH A LEVEL WITH AS MUCH INTENSITY AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN PAST EXAMPLES OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS? MORE SIMPLY ARE THE ISRAELIS FREEZING US OUT ON THIS ONE?

A. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT, NO.

Q. WELL, THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED RATHER STRONGLY THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE LESS VALUABLE THAN THEY WERE IN THE PAST. I AM REALLY ASKING A SERIOUS QUESTION, AS TO WHETHER WE ARE GETTING AS MUCH INFORMATION THIS TIME AROUND AS IN THE PAST?

A. I HAVE NO REASON, AGAIN, TO THINK THAT WE ARE NOT, AND I WOULD GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OUR ROLE IS VALUABLE OR LESS VALUABLE.

Q. ARE YOU HOLDING BACK ANY LITTLE GOODIES THAT YOU WANT TO LAY ON US NOW?

A. I CAN GIVE YOU A UNIFIL SITUATION REPORT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THAT. AT PRESENT, UNIFIL HAS APPROXIMATELY 1,100 TROOPS IN LEBANON. THESE ARE COMPOSED OF THE IRANIAN AND SWEDISH COMPANIES DRAWN FROM UNDOF AND UNEF, THAT IS TO SAY, THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES ALREADY THERE; THE FRENCH CONTINGENT DEPLOYED IN THE TYRE AREA, AND AN ADVANCE PARTY OF THE NORWEGIAN CONTINGENT. A FEW CANADIAN COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL ALSO ARRIVED. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO BRING THE NORWEGIANS TO LEBANON BEGINNING
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MARCH 31 THROUGH APRIL 2. THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A 600 MAN CONTINGENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL HAS ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE A CONTINGENT. THE NEPALESE ARE EXPECTED TO GET INTO LEBANON IN MID APRIL, AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE SENEGALESE HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED.

Q. ANY AMERICANS? THERE WAS A REPORT THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN IN THE FORCE.

A. I THINK THERE WERE SOME AMERICANS IN THE UNTSO?--
I AM NOT SURE OF THE PROPER TITLE. WHAT WAS IT? YES,

THAT IS RIGHT. I THINK THAT IS IT. I HAVE GOT SOME-
THING ON THAT FROM BACK A WAYS, YES.

Q. ARE WE FLYING IN THE NORWEGIANS?

A. YES, I THINK THERE ARE PLANS FOR THE UNITED STATES
TO PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION FOR THEM.

Q. HOW IS THE ARRIVAL OF THESE CONTINGENTS RELATED TO
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL?

A. THAT IS A QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD ADDRESS TO THE
UNITED NATIONS.

Q. ONE OTHER THING. HAS THE US BEEN INFORMED OF ANY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OPEC IN EARLY APRIL IN GENEVA?

A. NO.

Q. COULD YOU CHECK, PLEASE?

A. END

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